

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work at CMR has slowed somewhat during the month. This can be attributed to the wet and cold weather we have experienced during the month.

The wet conditions have prevented some of the work due to be completed this month from being completed.

The 7 ¼" abutments have been held up by the wet weather, Unfortunately it has been too wet to get a concrete truck in to allow the second abutment to be poured.

Once the ground dries out the abutment will be completed.

During the month a second tank was delivered for the workshop. The original concrete tank for the workshop was replaced by the manufacturers under warranty and it was decided by an out of session committee meeting to take the opportunity and get a second tank which was delivered and installed.

Inquiries are being made with Woden Contractors to the cost of getting the grader back for a day to complete the steaming bay area and other work as required.

The tractor is still doing well. It has certainly earned its keep during the month.

The big news item for the month has been another break in. Thieves got into the workshop container and another \$1800 in tools and other items have been taken. It is unclear how the items were removed from the container as it was found to be locked at the time of discovery. The only explanation is that the thieves either has a key to the container or found a key for the container in the workshop.



Keys from key safe inside workshop



Lock cut off form container



Locks intact



Smashed light

MONTHLY MEETING

The cooler weather is having an effect on the attendance to the monthly Member's meetings however July saw an attendance down of previous meetings.

The meeting was opened by the President who gave a summary of the progress at CMR and problems being experienced at KMR.

Bits and pieces followed the formal part of the meeting. The entertainment for the night was to be a video supplied by Ian Hahn however it was decided that it would postponed until the TV has been installed and is operational.

Due to the fate of Fisher Discounts, a new supplier will need to be found for the items for the raffle. To date it is uncertain what will be offered at August's raffle.

I would like to extend a big thanks to all those who participated in bringing along Bits and Pieces.

COMING EVENTS

**Annual General Meeting
15th August 2013**

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

The July mid month run had to be postponed due to bad weather. There was 1 party booked for the day

The end of month run saw good walk in traffic however sales of all tickets were down on the end of month run compared to other end of month runs.

The end of month run saw Bunyip and both club diesels being used.

As always the all day rides are continuing to be popular and the \$30.00 non-refundable deposit seems to be working.

Events Calendar 2012

Attached to the Whistleblower is a printable calendar for those of you, like me who cannot remember what is going on from one week to the next.

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

August 24th 2013

Ian Smith	0412 152213 (Team Leader)
Reg Smith	6241 3181
Malcolm Southwell	0409 170 858
Mark White	0434 660738

A working bee to cleanup for the Invitation Run will be held on Saturday 15th September. Please come along and give a couple of hours of your time to help with the cleanup.

The mowing roster at KMR remains a problem with many of the available members who are able to perform the task decreasing every month. If your name appears on the roster for the clean-up at KMR, please make an effort to attend. It only takes a couple of hours and if there are enough members who participate then it is possibly once a year

If you cannot attend your designated place in the clean up roster, please find another member to take your place. Do not leave it up to the other members on the roster.

From now on all grass clippings, leaves, branches etc are to be placed in the box trailer at the back gate. The trailer is to be taken to the recycling centre at the Mugga lane tip at the end of the clean-up. Under no circumstances is the trailer to be left full of rubbish as this will cause the floor to rust out.

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BOILER MATTERS

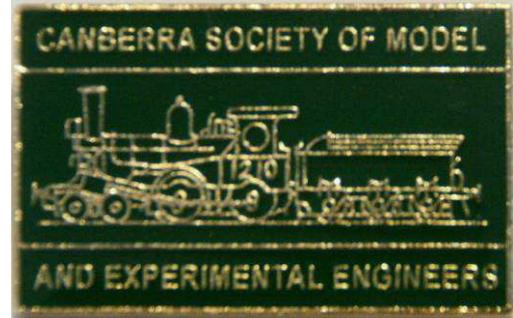
There was one boiler matter for the month. The boiler on Chris Gralleli's locomotive had its steam test and has been passed. reported this month.

Don't forget Club running day on the first Sunday of each month. All welcome. Please come along and join in.

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MONEY MATTERS

Here we are one month into a new financial year and while its too soon to see how are trending, we have not had a good start to the year on the income front. Bad weather saw the cancellation of the mid month run and the result for the end of the month was only fair. Lets hope that this is not a taste of things to come. We should have a better idea of how we have started the year once we get to the end of August.



Club badges are now available from the Canteen on running days or by requesting then through the secretary by email or letter. Cost is \$5.00 each

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The audit has been completed and the full results will be presented at the AGM. As noted last month our surplus for the year was just over \$500. How we achieved that will be covered at the AGM.

A reminder that subscriptions for 2013/14 are now due. If you haven't paid before the AGM you are not eligible to vote or stand for office.

Please Note Membership fees are due by the Annual General Meeting in August. Remember you must be financial to be able to vote. Avoid the rush and get in early. Fees remain at \$70.00 for an Individual, \$90.00 for Family (2 Members) + \$20.00 each additional member after that.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The August committee meeting held on Monday 5th August saw 6 Committee members present. Apologies were received from John Oliver, Matt McGregor and David Foote.

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Upcoming party bookings for August stands at 2 parties for the 11th August and 5 parties for the 25th August.

WANTED

Volunteer to do the Whistleblower.

There was one application for family membership received in July. The new application went before the committee in August and was accepted. The new member is Michael Dickinson whose interests lie in Workshop Machinery.

If you would like to have a go please see the Secretary before the AGM.

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New business for the month included discussions on expenditure at CMR, the recent break in at CMR and ways of reducing the risk of break ins and December running days.

Don't Forget.

AGM Thursday 15th August.

Items for the meeting must be in to the secretary by Tuesday 13th August.

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Malkara 3rd & 4th August

First of all I would like to extend my thanks to all those who showed up on the Malkara weekend and gave a hand to make the weekend a successful one.

The weekend started with the transportation of equipment and the portable track from KMR to Malkara. The setup of the portable track and the inside exhibits went without incident and we were completed by about 18:00.

Both days turned out fine however it was evident that crowds were down on previous years. After a late start on the Saturday morning, the portable track started to attract customers and over the two days raised over \$4000.00.

The inside display saw a lot of activity around the stationary engines with the display of stationary engines increasing from the previous year.

Photos from this year's Malkara weekend.

